



Weekly Funding Opportunities: Grants Office, County of San Bernardino
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AGRICULTURE

National Urban and Community Forestry Cost Share Grants

National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program Urban Forest Innovation Grants Funding Opportunity Request for Pre-Proposals The U.S. Forest Service anticipates that the statutory authority for the Fiscal Year 2012 Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Program will provide, under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (Section 9), approximately \$900,000 in grant funds to be awarded through the 2012 National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program. Funds are to support urban and community forestry projects on nonfederal public land that have a national or widespread impact and application. All awards are based on the availability of funding, which may be subject to change.

Deadline: January 18, 2012

Grant Link:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2F12ThhFrHcvp9BDNvPpf98QDdP9NKT5DgQ9Mh2nvbnVCzvnvJLp!1302121408?opId=127913&mode=VIEW>

ARTS AND CULTURE

ArtPlace

ArtPlace, a nationwide initiative to drive community revitalization with a new investment model that puts the arts at the center of economic development. ArtPlace will periodically awards grants to organizations doing groundbreaking work in creative placemaking in communities across the United States. The project recently announced its first round of grants, awarding a total of \$11.5 million to thirty-four projects in cities from Honolulu to Miami. Each project supported by ArtPlace was selected for developing a new model of helping communities thrive by strategically integrating artists and arts organizations into key local efforts in transportation, housing, community development, job creation, and other areas. ArtPlace is inviting Letters of Inquiry for its second round of funding from partnerships involving arts organizations, artists, designers, and local and national organizations working to produce a transformative impact on community vibrancy. The initiative seeks to provide seed grants for entrepreneurial projects that already enjoy strong local buy-in, that integrate with a community's economic development and community revitalization strategy, and that have the potential to attract additional private and public support.

Deadline: November 15, 2011 (LOI)

Maximum Grant: \$1,000,000

Grant Link: <http://www.artplaceamerica.org/loi/>

Big Read Program

The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment is designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2012 and June 2013. Organizations selected to participate in the Big Read receive a grant, access to online training resources and opportunities, and educational and promotional materials designed to support widespread community involvement and participation. Approximately seventy-five organizations from throughout the United States will be selected. Applicant organizations must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; a division of state, local, or tribal government; or a tax-exempt public library. Eligible applicants include such organizations as literary centers, libraries, museums, colleges and universities, art centers, historical societies, arts councils, tribal governments, humanities councils, literary festivals, and arts organizations. Community organizations participating in the Big Read are expected to develop and produce a well-planned, well-attended, community-wide read with innovative, diverse programming, and widespread community involvement and participation. Activities should last approximately one month and focus on one book or poet from the Big Read Library.

Deadline: February 1, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$25,000

Grant Link: http://www.neabigread.org/application_process.php

Facility investments and building reserves

The Kresge Foundation's Arts and Culture program has announced the final call for preliminary grant applications for its Facility Investments and Building Reserves program. Kresge is conducting this final round of facility and building reserve grants as it continues to refine its overall investment strategy. Eligible organizations may apply for both facility investment and building reserve grants, or building reserve grants only. Facility investment grants will prioritize renovation and repair projects. (On occasion, this grant may be awarded for new construction that includes

exemplary environmental sustainability practices.) Building reserve grants are designed to seed or enhance an organization's building reserve fund for the ongoing maintenance and replacement of an organization's facilities. The program does not fund reserves solely for equipment. Eligible applicants are nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in the United States whose primary mission is arts and culture.

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Grant Link: <http://www.kresge.org/programs/arts-culture/institutional-capitalization/facility-investments-and-building-reserves>

EMPLOYMENT

Agricultural Career and Employment Grants Program (ACE)

The ACE grants program is intended to improve the supply of skilled agricultural workers and bring greater stability to the workforce in this sector. This stability will be realized through services specifically designed to assist farmworkers in securing, retaining, upgrading or returning from agricultural jobs. Such services include the following: • agricultural labor skills development; • the provision of agricultural labor market information; • transportation; • short-term housing while in transit to an agricultural worksite; • workplace literacy and assistance with English as a second language; • health and safety instruction, including ways of safeguarding the food supply of the United States; and • other such services the Secretary deems appropriate. Entities eligible for awards are non-profit organizations or a consortium of entities comprised of a non-profit organization and one or more of the following: agribusinesses, State and local governments, agricultural labor organizations, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and community-based organizations with the capacity to train farmworkers. The criteria by which an entity's capacity to train farmworkers will be evaluated, at a minimum, by the following items: 1) an understanding of the issues facing hired farmworkers and conditions under which they work; 2) familiarity with the agricultural industry in the geographic area to be served, including agricultural labor needs and existing services for farmworkers; and 3) the capacity to effectively administer a program of services and benefits authorized by the grants program.

Deadline: November 15, 2011

Grant Link: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-10-20/pdf/2011-27078.pdf>

ENVIRONMENT

2013 Solar Decathlon and Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Showcase Event

Through this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), DOE intends to partner with one recipient who will host the 2013 Solar Decathlon to promote the Mission and Goals of the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Through this event, the recipient will promote the outreach, education and economic benefits of energy security, renewable energy and energy efficiency by demonstrating EERE Technology that can effectively be deployed in the community. By showcasing these technologies, this event should help launch additional workforce development and renewable energy activities in the local area that hosts the Decathlon. In addition to the benefits of increased public awareness, this event should stimulate the local economy by bringing in tourism dollars from those attending the event. This Funding Opportunity seeks to select a recipient that will form a partnership that includes a city, state or local government that will work together to host the 2013 Solar Decathlon.

Deadline: December 5, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$300,000

Grant Link: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/default.aspx#a7f380e9-9adf-41ac-bfc3-eb4d4e96050c>

Improvements in Facilities, Communications, and Equipment at Biological Field Stations and Marine Laboratories

Biological Field Stations and Marine Laboratories (FSMLs) are off-campus facilities for research and education conducted in the natural habitats of terrestrial, freshwater, and marine ecosystems. FSMLs support environmental and basic biological research and education by preserving access to study areas and organisms, by providing facilities and equipment in close proximity to those study areas, and by fostering an atmosphere of mutual scientific interest and collaboration in research and education. To fulfill these roles, FSMLs must offer modern research and educational facilities, equipment, communications and data management systems for a broad array of users. In recognition of the importance of FSMLs in modern biology, NSF invites proposals that address these general goals of FSML improvement.

Deadline: January 17, 2012

Maximum Grant: \$350,000

Grant Link: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf12505

HOMELESSNESS

McKinney-Vento HMIS Technical Assistance

The NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$7 million for technical assistance. The purpose of the MV-TA program is to provide technical assistance (TA) to achieve the highest level of performance and results for implementation and management of local Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) and to collect data for Annual Performance Reports (APRs) and the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR).

Deadline: November 15, 2011

Grant Link:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2F12ThhFrHcvp9BDNvPpf98QDdP9NKT5DgQ9Mh2nvbnVCzvnvJLp!1302121408?oppld=128594&mode=VIEW>

Tenant Resource Network Program (TRN)

TRN is designed to facilitate preservation of projects with Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance at-risk of loss. TRN considers projects at-risk upon occurrence of one of the following events: an FHA insured or Direct mortgage maturity date within 24 months of the publication of the NOFA; an owner election to Opt-Out filed no more than 12 months prior to publication of the NOFA; a notice of prepayment filed no more than 12 months prior to publication of the NOFA; or the receipt of two consecutive Below 60 REAC scores (not yet under abatement), with the most recent score issued no more than 12 months prior to the publication of the NOFA. The program is intended to be one more tool to assist both owners and the Department in identifying potential preservation strategies or, in the event preservation is not feasible, to ensure that tenants are fully informed regarding available protections such as the provision of tenant protection Housing Choice Vouchers. The program will enhance the Department's partnership with owners by providing an additional perspective on how preservation may be achieved, and will allow owners to make more fully informed decisions regarding continued participation in Multifamily programs. TRN is part of the Department's strategy to meet the need for quality affordable rental homes through preservation of federally assisted housing. TRN-eligible properties are identified as high risk of losing their project-based rental assistance, or where tenants' access to rental subsidy may be at risk. TRN is specifically targeting Combined Metropolitan Statistical areas with the largest numbers of TRN-eligible units, and will provide additional award funds to applicants working in these communities that are disproportionately impacted by the potential loss of assisted housing. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations with current IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Eligible applicants shall demonstrate a minimum of five years of tenant outreach and organizing work, using some or all of the methods described in "required and targeted outreach," in part C, below. Applicants may work with a local, area-wide or regional team member, such as a local tenant organization, as detailed in the applicant's staffing plan. This local organization will be considered part of the applicant's team and will be evaluated as staff or contractor to the applicant. This team member is not required to have 501(c)(3) status and is not required a 5-year record of tenant outreach and organizing. However, the team member must not have an identity of interest with any owner or management of any property where TRN activity is proposed. Applicants may oversee multiple team members and work in multiple states or metropolitan areas, provided a separate application is submitted for each state or metropolitan area in which work will be performed.

Deadline: December 6, 2011

Grant Link:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=2F12ThhFrHcvp9BDNvPpf98QDdP9NKT5DgQ9Mh2nvbnVCzvnvJLp!1302121408?oppld=128513&mode=VIEW>

J. Jill Compassion Fund

The fund is accepting pre-applications from community-based organizations that support underprivileged and homeless women in the United States. Funding priority is given to nonprofit programs and organizations that provide job training, education, and transitional and/or affordable housing to disadvantaged and homeless women. For 2012, priority consideration will be given to programs and organizations that empower women and help them become self-sufficient; have established a relationship with, or connection to, one or more of the J. Jill store(s); and are located near one or more J. Jill store(s) – There is a J. Jill store in Victoria Gardens, Rancho Cucamonga. Applicants must be community-based organizations or national organizations with local affiliates serving women in need and must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The fund provides support for general operating expenses. Program support is limited to the expansion or enhancement of existing programs, rather than to fund new programs.

Deadline: December 21, 2011 (Pre-Application)

Grant Link: <http://www.ijill.com/ijillonline/compassion/grantguidelines.aspx>

HOUSING

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

The purpose of NSP TA is to provide state government, local government and nonprofit recipients of federal NSP funding with the assessment tools and technical and capacity building assistance needed to fully understand their local market conditions, to increase their capacity to successfully carry out federal assistance programs while leveraging other public and private resources, and to achieve positive and measurable outcomes. Under NSP TA, technical assistance will involve the delivery of expert statutory, regulatory, and technical support that improves the program knowledge, skills and capacity of NSP grantees and their partners. Capacity building efforts will be directed at advancing the efficiency and performance of grantees and their partners (e.g., for-profit and public or private nonprofit organizations) in the administration of NSP, the leveraging of other resources and the furthering of key Departmental objectives, including, but not limited to, energy efficiency and green building. Eligible applicants are State or unit of general local government; public housing authority, public or private nonprofit organization or intermediary, including institutions and area-wide planning organizations; or Indian Tribes, for profit organizations, a combination of any of the above applying together in a joint application.

Deadline: November 21, 2011

Grant Link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg

SAFETY

International Programs to Combat Trafficking in Persons

The Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (the Office) is pleased to announce a two-stage competitive process for fiscal year 2012 funding of projects that will improve the response to trafficking in persons outside the United States. The first stage is submission and competitive panel review of two-page Statements of Interest (SOI) from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that combat human trafficking. In the second stage, the Office will invite applicants whose Statements of Interest meet the technical requirements and are reviewed favorably to submit proposals that expand on their SOI. These proposals will also be reviewed by a panel for consideration of funding. This announcement initiates the first stage and the Office is now requesting applicants to submit a Statement of Interest, as described in this solicitation. U.S.-based and foreign nonprofit and non-governmental organizations (NGO), public international organizations (PIO), and institutions of higher education are encouraged to apply by submitting a Statement of Interest. Pending fiscal year 2012 appropriations, the Office anticipates awarding grants of up to \$750,000 per project.

Deadline: November 18, 2011

Grant Link: <https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=13028>

SPORTS

U.S. Soccer Foundation Opens Annual Grant Cycle for Youth Soccer Programs

The U.S. Soccer Foundation has opened its 2012 Annual Grant Cycle. Since 1995, the foundation has awarded grants to more than six hundred organizations in the United States for projects designed to keep children in underserved communities active, healthy, and safe. For the 2012 grant program, the foundation's highest priority is to support projects and programs that focus on soccer as a youth development tool in economically disadvantaged urban areas. Funds will be awarded through Field Building Grants of up to \$200,000 each for the installation of field surfaces, lighting, and irrigation, and Program Grants of up to \$50,000 each for player and team equipment and general program/operational expenses. To be eligible for a Field Building Grant, an applicant must apply on behalf of a program or project operating in the U.S.; be a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, school, municipality, college or university, or sovereign tribal nation; apply as, or on behalf of, a field building project; and own or have a minimum of a ten-year land lease/land use agreement on the land where the field building project will take place. If applying for sports lighting, an applicant must have written authorization from the community where the field building project is located authorizing the addition of lights to the field(s).

Deadline: November 18, 2011

Grant Link:

http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.iplQKXOVFoG/b.5482625/k.282F/2012_Annual_Grants_Program.htm

TRANSPORTATION

Center for Environmental Excellence

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) hereby requests applications for assistance from all interested parties to result in the award of a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) to support the establishment and maintenance of a Center for Environmental Excellence (Center). Section 5309 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), establishes four Centers for Surface Transportation Excellence. The goals of the centers for surface transportation excellence are to promote and support strategic national surface transportation programs and activities relating to the work of State departments of transportation in the areas of environment, surface transportation safety, rural safety, and project finance.

Deadline: November 14, 2011

Maximum Grant: \$3,232,899

Grant Link: <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/oppDTFH61-12-RA-00003-cfda20.200-instructions.pdf>

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